

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. Claims 17-18 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, 8, 10, 12-16 and 19-20 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-16 and 19-20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 17-18 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for indicating the claims 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has so rewritten claims 17-18 and respectfully submits that claims 17-18 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,107,105 to Sandhu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6, 211,078 to Matthews. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,698,463 to Suga in view of Matthews. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Suga and Matthews, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,378,660 to Ngan et al. To expedite prosecution, these claims have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner made various comments concerning the unpatentability of certain features of the present invention. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's interpretation and application of the art to the rejected claims. The Examiner's comments in the Office Action that have not been specifically discussed above are deemed moot at this time in view of this response.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss the steps necessary to place the application into condition for allowance.

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